

(e) The original copy of completed Form CG-718E shall be submitted to the Commandant. The duplicate copy of completed Form CG-718E may be retained by the master issuing such record of entry.

**§ 14.10-5 Entries in certificate of discharge to merchant seaman.**

(a) Upon the discharge of any seaman who holds a merchant mariner's document issued by the Coast Guard, and payment of wages, the master shall issue to the seaman a Certificate of Discharge to Merchant Seaman (Form CG-718A).

(b) The completed Form CG-718A shall be signed by the seaman to who it is issued and by the master of the vessel. The signatures shall be made with an indelible pencil before the issuance of the original copy to the seaman.

(c) All entries on Certificates of Discharge to Merchant Seaman (Form CG-718A) shall be made with a typewriter or an indelible pencil.

(d) The original completed Form CG-718A shall be issued to the seaman who signs the certificate. The yellow copy of the completed Form CG-718A may be retained by the master issuing such discharge. The white copy of completed Form CG-718A shall be submitted to the Commandant.

**§ 14.10-7 Issuance of certificate of character upon discharge of seaman.**

(a) Upon the discharge of each seaman from a vessel engaged on a voyage listed in § 14.01-5(b), the master shall make and sign in the official logbook, and on the articles should such an entry be called for, a report of the conduct, character and qualifications of the person discharged; or may state as the report that he declines to give any opinion.

**§ 14.10-10 Discharging a seaman in a foreign port.**

(a) Upon the discharge of any seaman in a foreign port the master shall make the required entries on the ship's articles and Form CG-718A or Form CG-718E, as appropriate. All entries shall be attested to by a U.S. Consular Officer in ports where such an officer is available.

**§ 14.10-15 Certificate of discharge issued pending issuance of duplicate continuous discharge book.**

(a) When a seaman's continuous discharge book has been lost, pending the issuance of a duplicate, the master shall furnish the seaman with a Certificate of Discharge to Merchant Seaman (Form CG-718A) at the completion of a voyage, and this fact shall be noted on the articles. The white copy of the certificate of discharge shall be forwarded to the Commandant.

**§ 14.10-20 Discharge of seamen in special cases.**

(a) Section 16 of the Act of December 21, 1898 (30 Stat. 759), amended in part R.S. 4581 (46 U.S.C. 683), relating to the discharge of seamen by consuls, to read:

If a seaman is discharged on account of injury or illness, incapacitating him for service, the expenses of his maintenance and return to the United States shall be paid from the fund for the maintenance and transportation of destitute American seamen.

(b) Section 19 of the Seamen's Act of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1185; 46 U.S.C. 683), adds to these words the following:

*Provided:* That at the discretion of the Commandant of the Coast Guard and under such regulations as he may prescribe, if any seaman incapacitated from service by injury or illness is on board a vessel so situated that a prompt discharge requiring the personal appearance of the master of the vessel before a United States consul or consular agent is impracticable, such seaman may be sent to a consul or consular agent, who shall care for him and defray the cost of his maintenance and transportation, as provided in this paragraph.

(c) The personal appearance of the master of the vessel before a United States consul or consular agent to consent to the discharge of a seaman who has been incapacitated by injury or illness may be waived by the consul under the following conditions:

(1) When the condition of the injured or ill seaman is such that prompt medical attention is necessary and cannot be furnished on shipboard, and

(2) When the master cannot proceed with the seaman to the consul without risk to the crew, the vessel, or the cargo.